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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 734

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Randall Shane Cooper
of Alpine.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Randall Shane Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper was an exemplary citizen who worked assiduously in numerous capacities to improve the quality of life for his fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, born on September 9, 1975 in Overton County, he was the son of Virgil and Donna Cooper and Sandy and Tony Tubb; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper served with acumen and alacrity as a cable contractor with M. J. Halgard Construction Company, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he was active in the Cornerstone Community Church in Monterey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he cherished the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Jaime Allison Wright Cooper, and he was the proud father of Eric Shane Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Shane Cooper was well-known for his generosity with his time and talents and for his jovial, magnetic personality; all those who were lucky enough to call him a friend were blessed by his companionship; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Randall Shane Cooper made a habit of altruistic sacrifice for the betterment of others; and

WHEREAS, due to the heroic efforts of this gallant Tennessean, the lives of two men, he had never met, were saved from the tragic effects of rising flood waters; and

WHEREAS, in life and in death, Randall Shane Cooper was a selfless servant of his fellow man, and he will forever be remembered as an embodiment of the noble ideals which have earned Tennessee honor as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, he was an inspiration to those around him, and a friend penned a poem, "A Tribute to a Hero," in his honor:

*I want to tell you about a man,
A man who was like no other,
Few were they who called him friend,
For most would call him brother.*

*He had a smile that could light a room,
One look and it brightened your day,
As you watched him play "trash can football,"
With his hat always slightly sideways.*

*A kinder man you could not find,
And character he did not lack,
If he ever saw anyone who was in need,
He'd give the shirt right off his back.*

*And that is how he left us here,
By giving his very own life,
To save a man he had never met,
No surprise, that's just what he was like.*

But his wife and son will miss him so much,

*And the rest of us share in their pain,
Goodbye, we love you, we'll miss you,
For there will never be another like "Shane".*

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Randall Shane Cooper, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cooper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.